Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Curt O. Houghtaling's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Houghtaling devoted more than 28 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader in the Medical Field, Ordinance Field and Artillery Field with the South Dakota National Guard, North Dakota National Guard and the active Army, including deployment to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and activations in support of State Emergency Operations; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Houghtaling continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Curt O. Houghtaling for more than 28 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2006, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CURT O. HOUGHTALING DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State